

Go to Hathaway's for bulk garden seed, etc.

David Robertson was in Chicago on legal business last week.

A Gardner-for-Governor Club has been organized at Centralia.

Mrs. C. L. Blanks and Miss Dorothy Blanks are visiting in St. Louis.

Mrs. McCabe Howe of Kansas City is visiting her father in Mexico, A. C. Barnes.

K. C. Sears was given judgment on four notes for \$250 each against The Carrington Callaway County Coal Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hally down northeast of Mexico, are the happy parents of a new daughter, born the 4th inst.

J. C. Clark, white, and Jerry Corbin, colored, charged with burglary, were sentenced for two years each in State Prison.

F. E. Okey and family, formerly of the Benton City neighborhood, late of Mansfield, Ill., are now located at Dayton, Iowa. They order the Message to follow them. Mr. Okey writes: "We are always glad to get the Message and see what our old friends are doing."

The Laddonia Herald says: J. C. DeLaPorte, who has been superintendent of the Christian Church Sunday School since 1884, tendered his resignation last Sunday. It will be a hard matter to find a man that will be on the job every Sunday. He has missed but one or two Sundays in all that time. J. C. is a splendid man and tries to do the right thing all the time.

Col. W. P. Hall of Lancaster, Schuyler County, is the largest individual owner of elephants on the globe and controls the elephant market of the Western Hemisphere. He gives Missouri the title of "The Elephant State".

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY.

The Union Holds an Interesting and Profitable Meeting in Mexico.

The quarterly meeting of the Audrain Baptist W. M. U. was held at the Mexico Baptist church March 9th. After devotional exercises led by Mrs. J. A. Guthrie, a very interesting letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sowell, missionaries to Argentine, and a chain of prayers was offered for all workers on the Foreign Field. The topic for the day was: "Home Mission Work of the S. B. C." The discussions showed much thought and preparation. Surely all present are better informed on the various phases of Home Missions than ever before.

The reading by Miss Dickenson and the Bible lesson by Miss Fielden, both of Hardin College, were enjoyed by all, as were the solos by Misses Turnage and Biggs, and the exercises by the Mexico Sunbeams under Misses Glandon and Robnett.

Rev. H. E. Truex of St. Louis congratulated the Union highly, gave much good information, and some timely suggestions.

The Union is glad to report 13 missionary organizations, an increase of four over last year. Nine of the 13 were represented.

The Union has appointed its secretary to visit the country churches of the Association and get mission study into the Sunday schools.

The 1915 Yearbook, 47th annual report of the Missouri Board of Agriculture, is at hand. It is replete with information from the measuring of the height of a haystack to a description of the Schuyler County Elephant farm. Jewell Mayes, secretary of the Board of Agriculture, has gotten out an attractive 600 page book, showing the work of the Board and giving a complete account of the 1915 Farmers Week at Columbia.

C. A. Barnes was in Chicago on business last week.

How an Audrain County Man Makes \$14 Bushel Corn Pay

Why \$14.00 per bushel for seed corn? I have been asked by the press why the \$14.00 seed corn is worth the price. I will answer why I believe it worth the price. I have been deeply interested in the seed corn proposition since Farmers Week at Columbia was instituted about eleven years ago. If I have missed one of the meetings during that time, I do not remember it. Watching the seed corn proposition at Columbia I was convinced; also watched my men. I have had from five to eight renters each year for about twenty years. By observation I became convinced that my men had neglected their seed corn, to their financial detriment, and I was a loser with them. One day I took a look at one of my renters' corn in his wagon and, behold, found a very poor quality of corn. It came out of bottom land, the ears ranging from five to eight inches long, very low grade corn, mostly white and blue.

Right then I made up my mind I would have the seed corn proposition entered into my contract. When I did so I agreed to buy seed corn to cost from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per bushel. I was to pay one-half of said cost, as I expected to get one-half of the corn.

Next time I visited Farmers Week at Columbia, seven years ago, I bought about \$30.00 worth of seed corn. I took the pains to get the finest, regardless of price, that was available and grew in nearby counties. That fall, believe me, I never saw a finer lot of corn in any man's crib, and know I never saw anything like it in my own. From that day to this, nothing suits me but the very best. That same corn has won many premiums at our County Fairs.

I do not believe in changing corn every year, but do believe in getting the very best and in trying to keep it good, not changing as long as it is good. I am of the opinion that our low corn yields are often caused from buying our seed corn from a distance, that is not acclimated, yet high bred and best of quality. If we buy enough for our breeding plot only, say enough to plant one acre, grow and select from that two years, then plant main crop from the best selection, I believe there is where our big yields will come from; not in

planting the whole crop with foreign seed not yet acclimated if ever so pure and fine.

Here are a few instances of what high priced seed corn has done for us: My brother, C. B. Wilkerson, west of Santa Fe, made a test of said corn; also good corn above the average. The high bred corn made an average on eight acres of 75 bushels per acre. Fifteen acres of the other grade of corn, 55 bushels per acre. Corn was weighed, corn grew side by side; planted within two days of each other, all things being equal as far as we knew. He also bought \$10.00 worth of seed corn last season from corn that cost \$83.00 per bushel two years ago. It made 53 bushels per acre weighted. He believes his gain is \$200.00 for his investment of \$10.00 over the average seed corn. The first variety mentioned is Boone County White; second, Reed's Yellow Dent. We grow both varieties.

One of my renters tells me he furnished last spring eight bushels of the above mentioned corn to a party, who reports it made 12 bushels per acre more than other corn planted by its side. Eight bushels will plant for the best. I believe in buying as gained makes 600 bushels. At 50¢ per bushel that means \$300.00, or a gain of \$6.00 per acre.

For general planting I believe \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bushel enough to pay for the best. I believe in buying as close to home as I can. I have not one bushel of seed corn for sale and during the last six years I have not selected a bushel of seed corn to sell, nor shown an ear. My men have shown it. As for being a scientific farmer, my profession is a nurseryman. I am on my farm only as I have spare time. My past experience I give for believing I could afford to pay the price of \$14.00 per bushel for said corn, and that only for breeding plots. I had to do lots of persuading to get said corn at the price, as the parties wanted it for their own planting. They are professional show people. One of the parties has won over Four Thousand Dollars in premiums and is the person I bought from seven years ago, and the corn is the same variety.

K. B. Wilkerson.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of JOHN C. KESLER, late of Audrain County, Missouri, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date the 9th day of March, 1916. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded, from benefits of said estate; and if such claims are not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Henry L. Kesler, Administrator.

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ACROLEIN, IN CIGARETTE COVER

This birthday month of Thomas A. Edison his statement of the permanent effects results from smoking cigarettes is worth noting. While experimenting with combustion of various substances for the purpose of discovering a suitable filament for use in incandescent lamps, he discovered the harmful effects of the cigarette papers which is one of the injurious agents, called "Acrolein", containing lime, lead and arsenic, to toughen the paper. It has actually been demonstrated that the water from a package of 15 cigarette papers will kill a mouse, soon after drinking this water.

Mr. Edison says this poison has a violent action on nerve centers producing degeneration of the cells of the brain which is quite rapid among boys. Unlike most narcotics this degeneration is permanent and uncontrollable.

Edison made the above statement April, 1914.



WINTER TOURIST FARES

To The SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

Dallas, Texas	\$27.65
Ft. Worth, Texas	\$27.65
Galveston, Texas	\$34.65
Houston, Texas	\$34.65
San Antonio, Texas	\$36.55
Jacksonville, Fla	\$42.50
Mobile, Ala.	\$31.48
New Orleans, La.	\$33.00
Pensacola, Fla.	\$31.48
Tampa, Fla.	\$54.10

Tickets to above points on sale daily from Oct. 15, 1915, until April 30th. Tickets to Texas points good to return until May 31st, 1916, to all other points until June 1st, 1916.

Correspondingly low rates to many more points.

For particulars as to routes and stop-over privileges write or call on I. M. RICHARD, Agent, Mexico, Missouri.

EARLE LIND, Division Passenger Agent, Moberly, Missouri.

That good fellow, W. H. Johnson, out beyond Thompson, has moved over into the Kingdom of Callaway, in the vicinity of Hatton.

NORTH MOLINO.

Molino, Mo., March 13.—The warm sunshine yesterday made everybody feel good, and this (Monday) morning the frogs have come to life and with their racket it reminds us that spring is not far off.

Leb Dye's sale was well attended. Everything brought fair prices. One horse sold for \$167.50. One cow brought \$60 with the calf by her side. The sheep brought \$10.05 per head. The geese brought \$1.80 each. The chickens sold at \$8.70 per dozen. Mr. Dye and family leave for their new home in Montana this week.

Miss Myra Miller is the guest of her cousin, Miss Fannie Edge, this week, and thinks she will remain here the remainder of the week.

Miss Fannie Edge was the Sunday guest of her cousin, R. L. Miller, and family. Duncan Wood of Calwood, Mo., visited his aunt here recently. Miss Emma Duncan.

THOMPSON LETTER.

Thompson, Mo., March 13.—We are having some fine balmy days; farmers are preparing to sow oats.

Geo. Pool and sister spent Sunday with E. M. Morris and family.

Thos. Brenton and family were visitors at Roth Days Sunday.

Bro. Schwab preached at Salt River Sunday morning and eleven of the members took their lunch and had services at two and seven that day.

Brother Neighbour held his appointment at Grove Chapel Sunday at three in the afternoon.

Wheeler Gant has bought the blacksmith shop at this place.

W. H. Blythe entertained a few neighbors the night of the twelfth with graphophone music. He served apple cider and gingersnaps. All present enjoyed the Blythe hospitality.

Mundy and Son bought hogs from the following. 73 from W. H. Blythe at 8 1-2 cents; 50 from J. T. Beatty at 9 cents.

Henry Vance sold his horse to John Vance and will visit in Kansas for some time.

Miss Lola Spencer spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Crockett Woolery of Beaver Dam.

Wedding bells are ringing. Louis Smith and Miss Viola Whitesides were married in Mexico Saturday. Frank Cleeton and Miss Wilder Berry of New Hope were married Sunday at six p. m., Brother Arvin officiating. We wish these young people a happy married life. If you listen the bells will ring soon again.

Dr. Todd of Gant who has been confined to his bed most of the winter, has returned home after a month in Kansas City, where he has been under the care of a specialist. He is much improved in health, we are glad indeed to state.

Mason Puls is home from hospital much improved in health.

L. E. Davis has rented the Slonaker house and ten acres and will move.

H. E. Pearl bought the Baasford place and sold it to Mr. Schrader, the operator for the C. & A.

Miss Martha Pool entertained her cousin, Mrs. McBoyle, of Skullick middle of the week.

Elks Hold Election

The Elks Lodge held their annual election Friday night. T. J. Williams was chosen Exalted Ruler, Dr. Dennis Moore, Leading Knight; Herbert Plunkett, Loyal Knight; and J. Claiborn Jackson was chosen treasurer, Henry Kunkle tyler and Dr. I. H. Turley, Trustee for three years. W. W. Fry, Jr., the retiring Exalted Ruler, was chosen delegate to the annual meeting in Baltimore next summer and J. E. Streif his alternate. S. D. Burns was re-elected secretary.

BOONE WAINSCOTT DEAD.

Boone Wainscott, an old resident of this city, died last week. He was a native of Boone County. A sister survives him, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, of Mexico.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Greer. The pall bearers were W. J. Mason, Dan Cauthorn, Roy Ferris, Frank Bickley, Rose Cauthorn and James Sanford.

FARM and STOCK.

The farmers in the vicinity of Auxvasse have organized for a system of road dragging.

L. B. Deaton has traded his farm of 200 acres five miles southeast of Farber for property in Columbia, says the Farber Forum. Mr. Deaton gets in exchange a large fraternity house, now renting at \$80 per month, also a desirable piece of residence property in one of the prettiest parts of the city. He will move his family to Columbia, where his two boys are attending school. We are sorry to know that Mr. Deaton and family are to leave our community. They are splendid citizens.

Wheeler Gant had a big sale at Thompson Wednesday of last week. The total sales aggregated over \$9,000. Among the sales were: Ten shoats, P. T. Bruce, \$52.50; two boars, A. J. Higginbotham, \$12; 3 shoats, P. T. Bruce, \$12.75; sow, P. T. Bruce, \$12.50; 8 shoats, F. L. Crosby, \$87.60; 9 shoats, A. J. Higginbotham, \$108.80; 9 shoats, A. J. Higginbotham, \$108.80; 9 shoats, F. L. Crosby, \$120.15; sow, Joe Considine, \$26; 10 shoats, A. J. Higginbotham, \$112.50; 10 shoats, Wm. Murphy, \$107.; 7 shoats, Joe Considine, \$80.50. Pair 4-yr-old mare mules, J. W. Bailey \$570; pair, 5-yr-old mare mules, C. L. Williamson, \$325; pair 3-yr-old horse mules, E. E. Jones, \$280; one 9-yr-old bay mare, J. J. Greenburg, \$71; one 10-yr-old gray horse, Ralph Burnett, \$100; 3 and 4 yr-old horse and mare mules, E. H. Carter, \$277.50; one 4-yr-old mare mule, E. E. Jones, \$108; one 6-yr-old mare mule, E. Carter, \$70; mule colt, Ed Morris, \$47. mule colt, J. Mc Jones, \$20; 4-yr-old bay mare, Ed Davidson, \$70; gray mare, Leo Rockenstein, \$25; horse, Ben Spencer, \$80. Ten ewes, Willard Thompson, \$87.50; 10 ewes, Willard Thompson, \$87.50; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$88.50; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$88.50; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$85. 10 ewes, J. M. Jones, \$86; 10 ewes, W. H. Puls, \$85.50; 10 ewes, W. H. Puls, \$86.50; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$85; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$85; 10 ewes, Joe Considine, \$85; 6 ewes, Joe Considine, \$51; 9 ewes, Joe Considine, Joe Considine, \$40.05. One cow, E. R. Robinson, \$51; cow, W. D. Mason, \$66. heifer, E. P. Robinson, \$44; heifer, C. W. Jesse, \$50; cow, Joe Considine, \$60; heifer, Earl Jesse, \$48; cow, Earl Carter, \$54; Jersey cow, E. Carter, \$54; cow, E. P. Johnson, \$60; 3 year old red bull, Joe Considine, \$76. 4 calves, Joe Considine, \$140; 3 calves, Joe Considine, \$77; 22 Shorthorn and heifer calves, Smoot Bros., \$720; bull calf, J. Mc Jones, \$50; bull calf, Earl Carter, \$42; bull calf, Joe Considine, \$39; bull calf, Joe Considine, \$35.50; 25 \$875; 24 Shorthorn calves, Smoot Bros., \$770. 20 heifer calves, A. J. Higginbotham, \$637; 20 heifer calves Smoot Bros., \$620; one hog, F. L. White Face calves, Smoot Bros..

Col. J. T. Johnson's sale last week was a great success. The total sales amounted to over \$26,000. Among the offerings were the following: 20 head cattle, S. P. Carter, \$68.75; 20 head of cattle, S. P. Carter, at \$60.25; 20 head of cattle, S. P. Carter, at \$60.50; 20 head of cattle, James Quinlan, at \$62; 20 head of cattle, W. W. Pollock, at \$53.50. 20 head of cattle, Wm. Everhart, at \$51; 10 head of cattle, Wm. Everhart, at \$45. Pair mules, Xury Fisher, \$377.50; pair mules, J. V. Willis, \$290.50; pair mare mules, L. A. Worley, \$405; pair horse mules, A. P. Johnson, \$357.50 pair horse mules, Wm. Pryor, \$305; pair mare mules, John Davis, \$400; pair horse mules, L. A. Worley, \$362.50; pair mare mules, Ed Gorman, \$372.50; pair field mules, Lloyd Quarles, \$372.50; pair horse mules, B. R. Middleton, \$377.50. pair horse mules, Sam Bise, \$375; pair mare mules, W. D. Mason, \$450; pair horse and mare mules, O. P. Browning, \$300; pair mare mules, Chas. Swearingner, \$303.50; pair mare mules, L. A. Worley, \$300; pair mare mules, Wm. Cline, \$347.50; pair horse mules, Wm. Cline, \$347.50; horse and mare mules, Geo. Lewis, \$300; pair horse and mare mules,

W. C. Brown, \$185; pair mares, pair mares, Chas. Swearingner, \$300. pair mare mules, Roy Knipp, \$325; pair of mares, H. M. Lackland, \$425; horse and mare, L. A. Pryor \$445; horse and mare, Oscar Potts, \$412.50 pair mares, Lloyd Quarles, \$432.50; pair of horses, Xury Fisher, \$342.50; pair of horses, E. W. Freeman, \$332.50; pair of horses, Wm. Copenhaver, \$350; pair mares, Ed Gorman, \$305. pair mare mules, Wm. McDonald, \$225; black mare mule, B. R. Middleton, \$180; pair mules, same, \$495; pair mules, Watts Bros., \$342.50; pair mules, J. T. Johnson, \$497; pair mules, C. F. Clark, \$317.50; horses resold, Emmett Johnson, \$292.50; mares, E. W. Freeman, \$337.50 mare mules, Geo. Lee, \$185; horse, Roy Owings, \$172.50; mare mules, Wm. McDonald, \$232.50; paid mules, C. W. Estill, \$445; mares, John Moore, \$405; pair, F. P. Carter, \$487.50. Pair black mare mules, Robertson Bros., \$212.50; bay horse mule, Chas. Swearingner, \$140; pair mules, Oscar Potts, \$362.50; pair mules, W. D. Brown, \$170. horse and mare, Ralph Hendricks, \$150; horse and mare, \$170; horse and mare, Joe Considine, \$170; horse and mare, Ritter Bros., \$227.50; horses, John Knipp, \$220; black horse mule, Louis Koch, \$50; black mare mule, Louis Koch, \$140; pair mules, Clark, \$150; black 2-yr-old, Dick Rosenthal, \$55; Brown mare mule, Ed Gorman, \$67.

George Fennelwald of near Martinsburg sold 36 fat steers on the St. Louis market last week at \$9.25. The steers averaged 1,355 pounds in weight each.

J. T. Beatty, out southwest of Mexico, had two cars of fine steers on the St. Louis market last week. Sixteen head, averaging 1280 pounds, sold at \$8.95, and 20 steers, averaging 1230 pounds, sold at \$8.70. He conditioned the cattle four months on corn and clover hay, says the Live Stock Reporter.

Among the hogs to reach the ten dollar mark for the first time at the St. Louis market since August 10, 1914, was a load sold early yesterday morning for J. F. Parker, Audrain county, Mo., says the Live Stock Reporter. Fifty-seven head averaging 275 lbs. brought the price. They were Poland Chinas of Mr. Parker's own raising and feeding. Mr. Parker is well known in his section as a successful farmer and stockman, marketing only what stock he raises and his hogs have been persistent market toppers here for several seasons. Mr. Parker was here yesterday and expressed himself as highly pleased with the price as well as with the weight which showed a little gain over home figures.

L. E. Worner and family were called to Linneus, Mo., last week on account of the death of Mr. Worner's mother at that place. The mother died of pneumonia.

THE TURMOIL.

Booth Tarkington has written a story of the social and industrial life of a big city. He calls it "The Turmoil."

The title tells the tale. It's a story of the overwhelming desire for social power and wealth, that recognizes no obstacle. Thruout is a vein of pathetic humor and a love story that is intensely interesting.

The Republic has secured the serial rights of this story and the first installment will be published Sunday, March 19th in the Republic Magazine.

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